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## Briefly

### Valentine dance set for Feb. 10

President Marge Hall has announced an American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 1340 Valentine dance Wednesday, Feb. 10. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m., and dancing will start at 7 p.m. Music will be by the Alley Kats. There will be a donation of \$2 per member at the door.

### 3-day closing

Catholic Charities' Treasure Shoppe will be closed Feb. 9, 10 and 11 to give the new manager an opportunity to reorganize the store.

"Plans have been made to keep prices about the same the store reopens on Feb. 16 after a four-day holiday weekend, we hope to surprise our customers with many bargains," a spokesman said.

The office will remain open on Feb. 9, 10 and 11 to accept clothing, furniture and household items.

### Food pantry

The Rescue Mission, 1536 Fourth St., Madison, will operate a food pantry from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday.

### Pierogi sale

Polish pierogi will be sold from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Polish National Church, 330 Reynolds St., Madison, 676-5860.

### Overeaters meet

Overeaters Anonymous will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Wiesman Room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

## Deaths

**Earnest Darnell**  
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**Joseph Schaefer**  
**Bernice Smith**

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Jan. 30: 2-2-3; Pick 4: 4-2-3-0  
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## 75 years ago

Feb. 5, 1918  
The Madison County Medical Society met at the Granite City Elks Lodge to take the first step toward establishing a tuberculosis sanitarium in the county. The society is required to get 100 signatures of county voters before petition to get the issue on the next general election ballot.

## Trivia

**Who was Louis Isenbach?**

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## Police pact turned down

### Union rejects offer; arbitrator to be called

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

It appears that an arbitrator will decide on the terms of a new contract between the city and its police officers.

After a two-hour Tuesday afternoon, Granite City police officers, members of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1347, rejected a tentative agreement reached Jan. 27 by negotiating teams for both sides.

The police officers have been working without a contract since May 1. The tentative agreement would have been in effect until April 1.

"As far as we're concerned, we're not negotiating any more. We have been negotiating this contract for 11 months. The arbitrator is going to have to decide," said Ken Crawford, president of the police local.

With a 51-49 vote was close — one long-time officer called it the closest he has ever seen — disputes over retroactive pay and reduced insurance benefits were the main points of contention, Crawford said.

He said the city offered a retroactive pay increase of 2 percent from May through October

of last year and subsequent increases of 4 percent from November 1992 through April 1993, 1 1/4 percent from May through October of this year, and another 1 1/4 percent increase from November 1993 through April 1, 1994.

The difference between a 4 percent pay increase for the entire first year of the pact and the 2 percent retroactive pay offered was \$100,000 cost each officer some \$300. Crawford said.

He said that union members were also upset about a proposed \$150 deductible in the city's self-funded health plan. Employees currently pay no deductible.

"To me, this is just poor management. If the medical fund is in trouble, it should have been addressed five years ago by implementing gradual increases instead of hitting us with this all at once," Crawford said.

He said some officers also balked at requirements of a medical doctor referral before chiropractic care could be covered under the health plan.

Longevity pay was also a point of contention, Crawford said. He said the union would like to see longevity pay spread out over the entire career of an officer. Under the current contract, longevity pay increases peak after 15 years of service.

"We feel a guy deserves something for being on this department for 20 years," Crawford said.

He said the city offered a retroactive pay increase of 2 percent from May through October

court system but asked not to be named. "It does go on."

But Ken Larsen, chief deputy in the Madison County Circuit Clerk's office, said there is no known abuse of the system.

"We feel the way we monitor them and the system we have, there is no abuse," he said. "If we knew there was any place for abuse, it would be immediately addressed."

County employees processed 46,748 traffic citations through five satellite court offices and the main office in

Edwardsville in the 1992 fiscal year that ended Nov. 30. In the same year, 43,940 cases were resolved.

The office does not keep records of how many people are cited guilty, how many cases were dismissed or how many were taken to trial," Larsen said.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said the court system works well considering the number of traffic cases it handles and the paperwork involved.

But, the chief prosecutor admitted, there have been problems with people

getting preferential treatment.

"In the past we have had reports of tickets being pulled," Haine said.

Some court personnel can pull a person's appearance in front of any one of the county's satellite courts and get a judge to dismiss the charges or put the offender on supervision without having to pay a fine or court costs, sources said.

But an average citizen on the other hand, would have to pay legal and court fees adding up to as much as hundreds of dollars, depending on the ticket.

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## Ticket fixing still apparently alive and well

### Madison getting police dog

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Successful fund raising and a surprise grant mean Madison will get a drug enforcement dog later this month and possibly another dog before the year is over.

The Madison Community Action Group raised more than \$3,000 and the city raised \$4,700 in corporate donations to be used for the purchase of a drug dog. Although the city had also applied for a federal grant for a dog through the Madison County Housing Authority, Police Chief Charlie Bridick said he never believed the city might actually get it.

"Then, the week before Christmas, after the money was being raised, we found out we got the grant of (\$11,600)," Bridick said. "We didn't say anything then because we didn't want to hurt the fund raising."

As it is, Bridick said, everything may be working out for the best.

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## Study will include township

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

The scope of a management review study of Granite City governmental operations has been expanded to include Granite City Township, which is part of the town.

The Town Board voted 11-3 Tuesday night to accept a proposal from Melville Public Accountants to include the township in the study at an increased cost of \$60,000.

In December, the City Council commissioned Melville to perform a professional review of city operations and to recommend any cost-savings measures



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Tarpoff

that could be implemented.

The \$30,500 cost of that study is to be split between the city's study and a group of area businesses.

Because the city and township are so closely related — their

boundaries are nearly coterminous and they share the same law enforcement agencies. Alderman Craig Tarpoff requested last month that the township government be included in the study.

In a proposal, Melville said it would be significantly less expensive to conduct the studies concurrently.

Field work and interviews of city and township employees could be conducted at one time, according to the proposal.

If the township study was done separately, it would cost between \$4,500 and \$5,000 to conduct, according to Melville.

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## Local man returns as rock musician

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Mike Bunjan will return to Granite City on Friday night. He will bring along his Chicago-based rock band, Esse Ecks.

"I hope Granite City's ready to be blown out," said Bunjan, the band's drummer. "We're going to play anything."

Esse Ecks is playing Friday and Saturday at Gabby's, 1800 State St., Granite City. Bunjan said he is looking forward to a big crowd.

Ironically, when Bunjan left Granite City in the early 1980s, the last thing he did before leaving town was sell his drum set.

"I was going to college at Illinois State University and I needed the money to buy a car," he said. "So I just gave up playing the drums."

It's not that Bunjan hadn't

dreamed of becoming a rock star.

"But at the time, art seemed like a more obtainable dream," he said. "That's what I pursued. And I reached it pretty early."

Bunjan graduated from ISU in 1986 with a degree in communication arts and went to work at a Chicago advertising agency.

"I guess they liked my work because now I'm a vice president," he said.

About three years ago, Bunjan and his wife came to Granite City to attend a wedding. "The band at the reception happened to include several musicians whom Bunjan had played with when he was a student at Granite City High School," South.

"They invited me to get up and jam with them," he said. "It was the first time my wife had ever seen me play. She

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Esse Ecks

## NEWS

## Case of vanishing tickets illustrates abuse

A mysterious case of two disappearing traffic tickets issued to a county employee is one example of apparent abuse of the Madison County court system.

The sheriff's report of the woman's arrest and all court files relating to the two minor traffic charges — illegal transportation of alcohol and driving with an expired driver's license — are gone.

No one, including Sheriff Bob Chuchich, Public Defender John Rekowski, State's Attorney William R. Haine and several court workers, said they would or could comment on the case.

The handing of the tickets reads like a routine traffic case, the wrong way. The highlights include:

The county worker was stopped about midnight Oct. 22 near Granite City for weaving in the roadway.

Because she could not post her expired license as bail, the woman was booked at the Madison County Jail and bailed out by her boss.

Shortly thereafter, the deputy's incident report turned up miss-

ing. The report was rewritten and resubmitted.

Days later, the charges were apparently dismissed.

To cap it off, the paper trail was apparently sealed from public view by an expungement order.

A reporter who tried to follow the paper trail, which should have been in the Madison County Sheriff's Department, ran into dead-ends.

The report, written twice by a sheriff's deputy because the first one was apparently lost after it was turned in, is no longer in the department's computer files.

The records clerk, after she was asked for the report number M-92-7674, excused herself to use the restroom and returned about five minutes later with Lt. Conrad "Pete" Baetz.

"We do not have a report by that number in our file," he said. "We have certain numbers in '92 that are missing."

The report preceding the missing report was logged at 10:15 p.m. Oct. 22, and the report following the missing number was

filed at 12:33 a.m. on Oct. 23.

Though each report is supposed to be accounted for, Baetz said it is possible for a number to be lost in the shuffle.

Each report a deputy writes is assigned a number by a dispatcher, who at times errantly issues the same number twice or skips numbers, Baetz said.

Another possibility, he said, is a power outage wiped the report number from the computer's memory.

A third scenario, which would explain the disappearance of all paperwork in the department and the courthouse, is that the charges were dismissed and the files expunged.

It was expunged, Chuchich said, he could not comment on the case. "You won't get a statement out of me," he said.

State law allows a person with no criminal record to have his or her name wiped from court records, police reports and other paperwork if the person is released without being convicted or has been acquitted of charges.

When an expungement order is issued, Madison County officials block out the person's name and completely erase it from all files, cards and any other places it appears on court records, except the file itself, which is marked "expunged."

The file is then placed in an "expunged" category and is not available to anyone except a judge. Such files are no longer public records.

Misdemeanors and traffic cases are sent to central records with a note that the sheriff's office has been expunged. These cases are also off limits to the public.

Haine said that, if the charges were dismissed against the county employee and she met all other requirements of the law, she would be entitled to have her name expunged from records.

Madison County Chief Circuit Judge Paul Riley said traffic tickets are rarely expunged from the files. "It is not routine," he said.

Despite repeated inquiries, no one in the Madison County legal system could give an adequate explanation as to what may have happened to the woman's tickets.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Scam victims still getting funerals

WOOD RIVER — Marks Mortuary will stand behind pre-planned funeral arrangements made through a business whose two executives bilked hundreds of customers.

Those who prepared their plans will be taken care of whether or not all of the money is available, a spokesman for the funeral home said in a prepared statement.

Prosecutors will recommend prison sentences when Raymond A. Ayres, 46, and William V. Arnold, 29, are sentenced March 10. Ayres and Arnold have agreed that the St. Louis men make full restitution to a fund being established at the funeral home. Each pleaded guilty in federal court last month to single count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud.

Authorities said the men bilked about 400 people, here and in the Indianapolis area, of about \$500,000.

Prosecutors said that should have gone to insurance companies to guarantee funeral and burial expenses instead were improperly used for business and personal expenses, including a yacht and a partial down payment on a home addition, said Ayres.

Ayres was president and Arnold vice president of Senior Benefits Foundation/American Heritage Foundation. Ayres contracted with Marks Mortuary to sell pre-paid funeral plans beginning in 1989, the Marks spokesman said.

The funeral home discovered discrepancies in a routine audit of files in the summer of 1991, the spokesman said. Marks contacted the Illinois Department of Insurance and wrote to suspect victims, explaining the situation.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Norman Smith said he was unaware of similar complaints involving other funeral homes in association with the company.

Ayres, before Arnold joined the business, had represented other funeral homes with no apparent problems, Smith said.

In the Indianapolis area, the company falsely claimed to represent several funeral homes, Smith said. The majority of the documented complaints were in this area, he said.

Smith said Marks Mortuary is not suspected of wrongdoing.

American Heritage Foundation was licensed to sell insurance by the Illinois Department of Insurance July 29, 1988, according to Bon Hartsock, the department's assistant deputy director.

The company's license was revoked when Ayres voluntarily surrendered it in November 1991, Hartsock said. Arnold's license was not renewed when it expired in August 1991, he said.

## • Tickets

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And those who cannot afford a lawyer have to appear in court, taking time away from work and other daily business.

In some cases, charges have been dismissed or dropped "expunged" without a prosecutor's approval, Haine said.

"We've taken steps with the circuit clerk to see that doesn't happen," Haine said. "I think the system actually runs pretty well."

One way to make the system run better is to cut down on the number of people who have access to traffic ticket information.

said Bob Lorinskas, an associate professor in the administration of justice department at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Another way to tighten the system, he said, is to account for each traffic citation issued from the time it is written to the time the file is closed.

Some police agencies in this region, including the Madison County Sheriff's Department and the East Alton Police Department, are not required to account for the blank tickets given to officers.

In some departments, police throw away batched tickets without having to account for them.

The more loopholes in the system and the more people involved in handling the paperwork, the more chance there is for the system to be abused, Lorinskas said.

"It becomes a corruption problem of money and politics become involved," he said.

Despite dozens of clerks, lawyers and other court-related personnel having access to a traffic ticket once it enters the court system, Larsen said there are no "kind of protection."

"We feel there is relatively little room for error in our proceedings," he said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Durbin confident on family leave

GODFREY — A Springfield lawmaker predicts early passage of a bill giving working families unpaid leave for medical emergencies and childbirth.

"The idea is overdue," U.S. Rep. Dick Durbin, a Springfield Democrat said Monday, talking to parents and child care workers at Little Red Hen Daycare on West Delmar Avenue in Godfrey.

"We're the last of the industrialized countries in the world to come around to the idea," Durbin said, predicting Congress

ional passage of the Family and Medical Leave Act this week and a signature from President Clinton.

"It will be a signal to working families and to others the days of gridlock in Washington will end," said Durbin, a co-sponsor of the bill.

The bill recognizes the reality of today's families in which both parents or a single parent work, he said.

"Working families will soon be able to rest assured that they will not be forced to choose

between their work and their family," he said.

The bill requires employers with 50 or more workers to give those workers 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a new child, a sick spouse, child or parent, or for the employee's own medical treatment.

During the leave, the employer must hold the job and continue health insurance benefits.

The family leave bill has passed Congress twice and was vetoed twice by President Bush.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Counties' prosecutors to cooperate

Prosecutors in Madison and St. Clair counties are going to provide information to each other to avoid conflicts of interest.

Under an agreement between Madison County State's Attorney William Haine and St. Clair County's State's Attorney Robert Hartsack, prosecutors from one county will step in when the state's attorney's office in the other county has to bow out of a case.

Each county would continue to pay its own prosecutors under the proposal initiated by Hartsack.

## Man arrested in home invasion in Brooklyn

JAMES MOODY of Brooklyn was charged Monday with home invasion after he allegedly entered a home and hit a woman there.

The 24-year-old man allegedly struck Sherry Whitfield in the face with a beer bottle Saturday.

The incident allegedly occurred at her home in the 600 block of Jefferson Street in Brooklyn, according to authorities.

Moody, of the 700 block of Washington Street, was being held Wednesday on \$40,000 bond in the St. Clair County Jail.

It's rare that we need it, but we believe we'll earn the trust of the community some money if we share prosecution," Haine said. "I will do his conflicts and he will do mine, at no additional cost to the taxpayers."

Haine said his office sometimes has to bail out of cases when he or someone on his staff has a family relationship or close association with a suspect.

The arrangement in many cases will make it unnecessary to hire a private lawyer as a special prosecutor. A prosecutor on

loan would be considered a special assistant state's attorney in the other county.

Haine said Madison County probably spent less than \$2,000 on special prosecutors last year, but spent more than \$200,000 on legal services in the 1980s.

Haine said he may still ask the Illinois Attorney General's Office to handle some conflict-of-interest cases.

Special prosecutors are costly and not accountable to voters, Haine said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Three blood drives here

During February, the American Red Cross is hoping that area blood donors will give the gift of life by giving blood.

In Granite City, there will be three blood drives. All will be open to the public.

One drive will be a special blood type "O" drive and will be held on Monday, Feb. 8, sponsored by St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2104 Madison Ave. The drive will be held in the Ketteler Center at SEMC from 1 to 5 p.m. Type O donors are especially needed, but all types will be accepted.

The next drive will be held Tuesday, Feb. 9, sponsored by Sanford-Brown Business College, 3237 West Chain of Rocks Road. The drive will be held in a classroom near the back parking lot from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The last drive of February will be held Friday, Feb. 12, sponsored by the YMCA's Chaffee Field Support Center, Highway 3, Niedringhaus Avenue. The drive will be held in the Chaffee Center from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The Red Cross and the sponsors are inviting all healthy adults 17 or older who weigh at least 110 pounds to participate in the blood drives.

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## “ROCKY”



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## PET OF THE WEEK

Rocky is a one year old neutered male. He is a cocker-schnauzer mix who enjoys attention but is not good with children. If you would like to give Rocky a new home call the A.P.A. at 931-7030 or visit the shelter at 5000 Old Alton Road. Hours are approximately 9:00 'till Noon seven days a week.

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## Police log

### Granite City

#### 4 charges are filed

Timothy P. Burns, 30, of the 2900 block of Warren Avenue, was arrested at 1 a.m. Feb. 1 for driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol, improper lane usage and failure to wear a seat belt.

An officer reported seeing a blue 1988 Chevrolet Corsica being driven erratically on 20th Street near its intersection with Lee Avenue, crossing into oncoming traffic.

Burns, the driver, took three field sobriety tests, refused to take a breath analysis test and was charged.

Two open cans of beer were found in the car, according to a police report.

Burns posted his driver's license and \$107 cash as bail.

a.m. Jan. 29.

He is alleged to have struck Shawn Widel, 18, of the 1800 block of Cleveland Boulevard, in the mouth with his fist in an incident at Kilroy's Bar and Grill on Niedringhaus Avenue.

The attack occurred shortly after Widel confronted Young about staring at Widel's girlfriend, according to a police report.

Young was released on a notice to appear in court.

#### Man faces five charges

Dallas E. Nunn, 32, of the 2000 block of Cleveland Boulevard, was arrested at 1 a.m. Jan. 31 and charged with criminal damage to property, unlawful damage to a vehicle, resisting a peace officer and two counts of battery.

The officer arrived on the scene and found Nunn jumping up and down on the vehicle, according to a police report.

Nunn is alleged to have struck the officer in the face with his fist and to have hit Marsala in the eye.

Marsala told police Nunn exited the lounge and jerked the car door open, causing damage to a side quarter panel.

## Police worker arrested with crack cocaine

A civilian employee of the St. Louis City Metropolitan Police Department was arrested in Madison on Tuesday night, allegedly with two rocks of crack cocaine.

The 32-year-old man, a resident of the 5800 block of Robt. Louis Ave., was arrested at 9:22 p.m. and released an hour later, a law enforcement source said.

According to a police report, a Madison police officer was taking a break at Hartdegen's, 1100 Madison Ave., as told by a Hardege's employee that the man had been in the restaurant for about an hour without making a purchase. He was acting strangely and had been there for a long time, the employee said.

When the man left the restaurant, the officer entered it and found in a trash the remnants of what he believed to be crack cocaine, often used to smoke crack cocaine, according to the report.

The officer followed the man to Huck's, 1200 Madison Ave., and found that the man had again locked himself in a restroom.

When the man left the restroom, he possessed two white rocks, alleged to be crack cocaine, and a small metal tube, according to the report.

Hutchins, the officer, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

#### Battery arrest in bar

Victor J. Young, 34, of the 800 block of Iowa Street in Madison, was arrested for battery at 2:28

a.m. Jan. 31.

Young was arrested, processed and released from custody pending the results of laboratory tests.

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# Henkhaus in driver's seat for job in traffic program

Despite statements to the contrary, Lewis and Clark Community College officials are seeking someone to run a new traffic school, and sources say the job will apparently go to former Madison County Treasurer Mick Henkhaus.

Announced in Sunday's *Alton Telegraph* seeking a court liaison director appears to have been written for Henkhaus.

The program, which allows people cited for minor traffic violations to enter into a safety program at LCC's Community Education Center in East Alton, is expected to kick off Friday.

Dale Chapman, president of Lewis and Clark, denied the job was tailored for Henkhaus.

"I would like to do anything about it," he said. "It was decided that position is required because we need someone with the technical knowledge of the court system to successfully run the program."

Even before the college successfully bid to operate the traffic school more than three months ago, sources said Henkhaus would get a job there.

He lost the original bid for training in 1991 and works for a politically connected law firm.

Classes have begun in Macou-

pin and Jersey counties without a liaison, and officials have reported no problems.

The program was to have started last summer in Jersey County, but was delayed because court-house files were being moved to Edwardsville.

At the time, Lewis and Clark officials had said all personnel and paperwork were in place for the program and that the delay was at the request of the judges.

LCC has hired five instructors to teach the year-long course.

"We need someone to coordinate the program," Chapman said Tuesday.

Henkhaus, an employee of a law firm owned by a prominent local attorney, Lakin, could not be reached for comment.

The job description calls for the liaison to serve as a contact person on behalf of the Circuit Court for communications to Madison County traffic courts, court clerks and law enforcement agencies.

The salary will range between \$30,000 and \$35,000, Chapman

said. The \$25 enrollment fee for the program is not expected to increase, although Chapman said the program would cover the liaison's salary.

The liaison will also serve as the central administrative official for Madison and Jersey County, Chapman said. However, the ad specifies only duties in Madison County.

Applicants must be a high school graduate and have five years' experience in court administrative matters, record keeping and court program administration, the ad said.

Henkhaus was hired by the Madison County Circuit Court Office in 1984, serving two years as chief clerk of the criminal division and eight years as chief clerk of the probate division.

He was hired as court administrator for the 3rd Judicial Circuit in 1985.

Chapman said Tuesday the college personnel department had received about a dozen applications. He said he did not know if Henkhaus had applied.

He said a committee would review the applications and probably hire the candidate with the most court experience.

— From the *Alton Telegraph*

## Property tax hike may be needed for juvenile building

Madison County officials appear ready to tap into a \$10.9 million surplus to build a new juvenile detention facility.

However, a property tax increase may still be necessary to help pay construction costs, depending on how deep the County Board decides to dig into the surplus, officials said.

Three County Board committeed voted Thursday to build a new juvenile detention facility but left concrete decisions concerning bed space and how to pay for it until later.

Charleston said he should look into the possibility of perhaps using some of that surplus to cover building costs and making up the difference with a tax increase, board Chairman Nelson Hagner said after more than 90 minutes of discussion.

Several board members suggested using up to \$4 million of the surplus fund for the juvenile center construction, leaving \$6 million for unexpected revenue fall-offs or large-scale emergencies, officials said.

The existing juvenile home is in need of repairs and has been cited as inadequate by state

inspectors, who have threatened to sue the county if improvements aren't made.

Openly, a property tax increase may still be necessary to help pay construction costs, depending on how deep the County Board decides to dig into the surplus, officials said.

Finance Committee Chairman Bill Little of Alton said there was no way to use some of the \$10.9 million without jeopardizing the county's fiscal health, as long as there was \$8 million to \$7 million left, equivalent to three to four months' worth of county operating expenses.

Health Institutions Committee chairman Bob Stille and committee member Al Charleston argued vigorously against the various proposals for building and financing a new juvenile home.

Stille advocated renovating the existing 21-bed facility, a project he estimated would cost \$1 million compared with the \$4 million a new home is expected to cost.

Charleston, who was the first member at Thursday's meeting to raise the possibility of using some of the surplus fund, said the committee should be mak-

ing decisions on the juvenile, nursing and shelter care homes and the surrounding county jail at the same time.

Charleston criticized other board members for "piecemealing" solutions to the problems faced by the facilities. Officials continued solving all the problems at once was too big a job.

If the county is to use a tax increase to help pay for a new home, it will have to act fast to get a measure on the April 6 ballot. The referendum deadline for Feb. 16 and the board has moved up its regular February meeting one day to Feb. 16.

The portion of the property tax rate dedicated to the juvenile already at its legal limit of 1.67 cents per \$100 assessed valuation and cannot be increased without a referendum.

Under a tax increase plan, the (See HIKE, Page 6A)

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# Opinion

## Editorials

### Inspired by history

When you're right, when you're ready to look God in the eye and say, "I'm doing the right thing," then a thousand angels swearing on Bibles cannot make you wrong.

That ideal — drawn from the oldest book in the Bible — is a major moral thread running through the history of African-American civil rights in this century.

Seventy-five years ago, the Metro East area was rocked by race riots. At the time, the majority of the country's moral leaders, including some in the African-American community, believed there was a basic, God-ordained moral law that made African-Americans second-class citizens.

But a small minority saw the truth — that no race of people has limits on its success determined at birth — and the Urban League was born.

Forty years ago, a small minority of Americans saw that segregated schools had not been ordained by God and that separate was not equal. Again the majority, including many African-Americans, believed segregation was not really harming anyone and was best left alone.

Today, led by leaders like Thurgood Marshall, who believed right and wrong are not determined by a majority vote, school segregation went before the U.S. Supreme Court and was defeated.

Thirty years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. saw that a country divided against itself along racial lines could never be strong. America would survive, he said, because America would change. The question for Americans, he said, was whether it would be a peaceful transition with people working toward it or a terrible and painful transition with people working against it.

Dr. King's question has still not been fully answered, but because he was willing to stand up — alone and often rejected even by his own community — for what he knew was right, it appears the majority of Americans are working for peaceful change.

Few lessons of history are so truly black and white. Individuals, willing to accept the inspiration of the truth, can make a difference. And a very few individuals — holding the truth aloft — can draw all men to them.

This lesson has been taught by Black history. Now it is up to all Americans to learn it and remember it.

### Party over, tough issues remain

Carol Clarkin writes this column for the Edwardsville Journal.

It must have been fun, while it lasted. A clear, sunny, crisp day for the swearing-in, a parade the likes of which I honestly can't recall, a vibrant, noisy crowd and thousands of well-wishers.

Balls and hoodowns of every variety in ballrooms throughout the city. The new president happily jammmin' away with some of the bands.

And, the following day, a great big down-home open house for several thousand more just plain fun at the White House. But like all good parties, after the orchestra plays "Goodnight Sweetheart," "I'll See You In My Dreams" and the party's over.

Down brings the inevitable — and often, painful — dreaded Morning After. There isn't a hair-of-the-dog concocted by man that will dissipate headaches like Zoe Baird or a budget deficit now projected to soar by at least \$50 billion a year over estimates made last summer.

Fortunately for President Bill Clinton, Mrs. Baird withdrew from contention for attorney general, though not as quickly as I thought she should have done.

For a time, during her appearances before Congress, she didn't appear to grasp what all the fuss was about.

She said she'd been drinking more as a parent than a lawyer when she was an undocumented Peruvian couple as domestic help and failed to pay Social Security taxes for them as employees.

Some attorney, a lot of us thought! And apparently relayed those sentiments to our congressmen, since it quickly became apparent that Zoe simply wasn't going to be confirmed. As I write this, Clinton has not yet submitted a second nomination for the post, but the next one is checked out a bit more thoroughly than was Mrs. Baird.

Certainly, after the considerable public reaction to the nomination, he must realize that people took those campaign promises of everybody — including those in government — playing by the rules as serious commitments.

Unfortunately, I fear he doesn't knuckle down to demands that the job be filled by a woman. I'd like to think that whoever holds the post would be the best person available, whatever that person's gender may be.

Economic problems, as a lot of us realized during the political campaign, aren't going to be all that easy to solve. It should come as no surprise that the new administration is already slowly backing away from middle-class tax cuts, as promised in more haydays.

We didn't get in the shape we're in overnight and we're sure not going to get out that way, either.

Truth to tell, there's no quick fix for any of the problems which the new administration faces.

Clinton is quickly going to appreciate what Harry Truman meant when he spoke of hot kitchens. Right now, I figure he's about to face a real furnace blast on the subject of lifting the ban on gays in the military — but more on that at a later date.

I figure, too, that naming Hillary to head the task force on American health care is likely to arouse a bit of criticism in some quarters. But, personally, I wasn't a bit sorry for his action on that count.

I am dubious, though, that a really satisfactory health-care bill can be achieved in 100 days. In fact, I suspect that one could only scratch the surface on such a complicated problem in that short of a time frame. Let's alone come up with a bill which would, no pun intended, fill the bill.

As a priority, I think it's second only to the economy, but I think this one which should be approached with caution.

Clinton has said that his team is going to ask for public input on the various aspects of health care and I hope he's serious. So, I hope he's going to take the time to give some in-depth study to the systems in several other countries whose systems do work well, and consider whether parts of those systems could be incorporated into our own.

Our own present system is the costliest in the world and still fails to cover tens of millions of our citizens. What we're going to do with the task force might propose that would regulate the price of prescription drugs. In 1991, the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging reported that, during the '80s, the general rate of inflation rose by 58 percent but the price of prescription drugs rose by a monstrous 152 percent.

Let's ask why Americans pay 62 percent more than Canadians and 50 percent more than Europeans for the same drug.

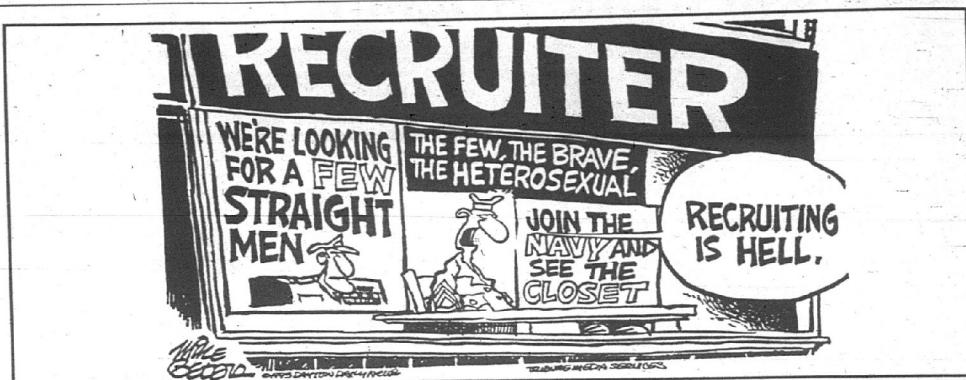
Given the fact that these other nations regulate the price of drugs — and we don't — have anything to do with it? A good question? I think so.

### Letters policy

The Granite City Press Record/Journal welcomes letters to the editor. The newspaper provides a "Letters" column to give readers an opportunity to voice opinions on various items of interest.

Letters should be brief, preferably less than 10 paragraphs. Typed letters, or letters that are neatly written, are given priority treatment. Preference is also given to locally originated letters, but letters from outside the area are welcome.

Each letter must be signed and include the telephone number and address of the author. Only the name and city will be printed, but authors may be called for verification purposes.



### Jobs, family life keys to the 'mainstream' for African-Americans

*(The following commentary is by Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris.)*

Black History Month 1993 is a celebration of black culture and heritage — a time for pondering the course of our history, in search of greater pride, self-knowledge and personal strength.

Black History Month is a time for celebrating increased understanding between ourselves and others — a time for reflecting on the unique and meaningful contributions African-Americans bring to the rich American working against it.

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### Our guest

by continuing to work with the Illinois Commission on African-American Males, which I convened in June of last year.

I convened this commission because of the huge economic, social, and political disparities that continue to exist between black American males and the American population as a whole.

Consider the facts.

Nearly 23 percent of all black men between the ages of 20 and 24 are in prison or on probation or parole.

Black males, while a much smaller percentage of the total population, account for 15-34 percent of all black men 15-34 who have criminal records.

As a group, black males have the highest rate of violent death in America, and much of that high death rate can be accounted for by black-on-black crime.

More than one-third of black males failed to complete a high

school education.

And, in recent years, the number of black males attending college has declined. Black males are also increasingly missing from the family unit, as the number of married black adults fell from 64 percent in 1970 to 44 percent in 1990.

Nearly 60 percent of black children live in single-parent homes, and more than 90 percent of those live in homes without the economic support or the role-modeling of a father.

In convening the Illinois Commission on African-American Males, I asked some of the finest and most knowledgeable of our citizens to come together to discuss the problems facing our disadvantaged young black males.

This commission has held a series of public hearings, with additional hearings scheduled for the near future.

The members of the commission will be looking into such key areas as crime and drugs, health, education, housing, economic development and jobs, racism and politics, religion, community organizations and family life.

The commission will make recommendations directly to me for consideration. These initiatives, that hopefully will allow more young black males to enter the economic, social, and political mainstream and to become productive members of American society.

By focusing on the work of the commission during and beyond Black History Month 1993, I feel that we are making a solid investment in the future of these young men and in the future of our country.

We have high hopes for the work of the commission, but we must work together — as a unified people — realizing that what is truly good for the least fortunate among us is, of necessity, good for all of us.

By celebrating Black History Month 1993 in this special way, I feel that we are helping to create a brighter future for African-American males, and for all Americans.

### Letters

#### Sincerity lacking on budget, debt

TO THE EDITOR:

Many Americans, when they write to their congressman about the budget deficit, will receive a statement claiming that he is strongly in favor of cutting the deficit and is working for a balanced-budget amendment.

But is he? The constitutionality of an amendment supporting a balanced budget?

Unfortunately, he is not. All versions of the amendment yet proposed have numerous loopholes which would still permit wild spending.

Such an amendment would almost certainly be used to justify higher taxes, which we definitely do not want.

If over half of the members of Congress would vote only for those federal activities authorized by the Constitution, and none other, the budget would be in the black.

There would be no budget deficit, and the national debt would shrink. And, there would be no need for a balanced-budget amendment.

But the problem is that the Constitution is being violated by massive unauthorized spending.

Adding a balanced-budget amendment would be merely cosmetic; the Constitution, as now written, could be violated just as easily as is the Constitution in its present form. Why not?

It is interesting to note that a certain 83 congressional voted for a balanced-budget resolution and then three weeks later cynically voted for a "balanced-budget" amendment.

The 1993 unbalanced-budget resolution is a plan to cut \$22 billion, or more, in debt than we already are. It passed, 209-207. The constitutional amendment got more votes, but did not pass because an amendment to the Constitution requires a two-thirds majority.

These 83 congressmen, I say, are hypocrites. I am thankful that my congressman was not one of those 83 congressmen. He voted against that 1993 unbalanced-budget resolution. How about your congressman? How did he vote?

The way to balance the budget is to quit the profligate spending. A good place to start is foreign

aid. Foreign aid is not authorized by the Constitution and never has been.

Let's not tinker with the Constitution. Let's just obey it.

BRUCE TABER, Kansas, Ill.

Chapter leader, Chapter CXLIX

The John Birch Society

Still disagrees on hiring and taxes

TO THE EDITOR:

As education, clergy and the judiciary are expected to perform at a higher level than the general public.

At Belleville Area College, the vast majority seem to realize this responsibility and quietly go about doing their jobs in an admirable manner.

However, a dozen or so individuals just can't understand, and they operate in unacceptable standards.

I take a lot of heat for wanting to change the situation from those determined to maintain the status quo.

When I run for the board five years ago, I hoped to clean up some of the problems. That has not happened.

We have the same old show, just some new faces.

The college is certainly growing, but it has been my only goal, I would not have run for the board, since the previous administration proved over and over it was capable of breaking enrollment records.

Finally, offensive the way some people are pampered while others are exploited.

It is unsettling to see transgressions fiercely defended by the administration. It is repugnant to watch occasional breakdowns in acceptable hiring practices.

Hiring the best is not always a priority. And it is sad to see the tax games that many carry and others play with the public.

For example, the board and administration continue to extend the so-called one-time health, safety, tax without voter approval.

When they extend it, they make the extension a fraction of a cent lower than the previous year and imply we are lowering your taxes. Even a sixth-grader should be able to see through that.

It is disturbing that Mark Levy and Leo Welch, in order to cover the true facts, try to discredit me by implying my statements are inaccurate.

I can substantiate everything I have said; perhaps it is easier to attack the messenger than face the message.

If they think their attacks will discourage my revealing unacceptable activities and conditions they are wrong.

My letters will stop when the (activities and conditions) stop.

TED FARMER

Belleville

Member, BAC Board

#### Child restraints in cars save lives

TO THE EDITOR:

In 1992, the Illinois Department of Transportation is celebrating a very special event.

This is the 10th anniversary of the Child Passenger Protection Law. Our theme for this year's celebrations is "Just a little effort can make a difference."

We will begin our anniversary celebration during Child Passenger Safety Week, Feb. 8-14.

The law, signed July 1, 1983, and amended Sept. 5, 1990, requires anyone who transports children in non-commercial vehicles

to secure them under the age of four in an approved child restraint system and to secure four- and five-year-olds in a safety seat or a safety belt.

The bill also stipulates that parents and legal guardians of children under the age of four years are responsible for providing a child safety seat or some who transports his child. All 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have enacted laws requiring the use of child passenger protection systems. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 247 children, age four and younger, were saved in 1991 by child passenger safety restraints.

Also during that year, if child safety seats had been used 100 percent, 500 deaths could have been prevented, and 53,000 serious injuries could have been avoided in children under the age of five.

These are astounding figures. It only takes a few minutes before each trip to secure a child in a safety seat.

KIRK BROWN

Secretary, Illinois

Department of Transportation

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# Lifestyle

## Men take over church — for 1 day



**Lucille Martin**

**Lucille Martin** covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 903-3321.

Sunday, Jan. 31, was "Men's Day" at the Pontoon Baptist Church, 4000 Highway 111, with the men of the church in charge of the service. After the call to worship, Ed Hart gave the welcome and announcements. Roger Wilson led the congregation in singing several hymns accompanied by Ann Rainwater, pianist. Maxine Green, organist, and Paul A. Sardhar, playing the bass guitar. Larry Brake spoke on "Starting Missions."

Testimonies were given by Richard Rainey and Junior Hedges. Paul Stayman spoke on "Supporting Missions," and Harold McBride presented the outreach teaching. Special music was presented by Harlon Luffman. Guy Falter spoke on "Practicing in a Mission" and Jim Beck spoke on how the present church started as small missions and future plans. Pastor Ed spoke briefly and Louise Haynes closed with a talk on "Missionary Moments."

The January meeting of the Golden Agers was held in the Salvation Army recreation hall; it opened with singing hymns led by Bud Scaturo.

Earl Smith gave a reading entitled "No Prayer in School." Ernestine Hahn gave a history of the famous "Let the Lower Lights be Burning" which was found in a War Cry book. She also introduced the book home to the current War Cry book and read about the history of the hymn, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Vickie Harper, Eva Barrow, Vickie McKenna, Ola White, Emma Lou Mezo, Marie Verbyr-lack, Dorothy Castelman recited the 24th chapter of Luke. Bill Turner told his own war story of his and his wife's life.

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## Book looks at blacks' lives after Civil War

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

According to the author's daughter, "Eneas Africanus" is a book that should be "read and cherished for its beautiful understanding of the colored race."

Harry Stillwell Edwards, white southern journalist, wrote "Eneas Africanus" in 1919, a record of the "humor and pathos of the Negro's life" in the South with "his white folks."

The daughter had the book published in 1940.

How is the book perceived in 1993 in Madison County during Black History Month?

"I think he captured it well," said Altharine Guice Sands, a 74-year-old retired Madison school teacher who grew up in Montgomery, Ala. Sands read the book in February last week for a discussion of Black history.

"I remember the Negroes thinking very highly of their white folks," Sands said. "I was telling (a friend that) and I think she was shocked. I remember that, if you really wanted to rile up my grandmother, all you had to do was talk bad about her white folks."

Sands, who graduated from Alabama State with bachelor's and master's degrees in education, taught in Madison for 4 years. Prior to that, she taught in East St. Louis and Alabama.

The period of the book — the years immediately after the Civil War and the African-American society at the time — was written off by African Nationalist groups as irrelevant to "Black Culture" because it represents African-Americans living in a white culture that was not their own.

"Oh, I don't know that's true. It happened and all history is important," Sands said.

"I don't think we can just forget history because it may be unpleasant."

In the book, Eneas, an old family Negro, is with his master — a family silver.

Eneas is given a chest containing the family silver, including a family heirloom silver wedding cup, after a battle near the end of the war. He is told to take it home to Tommiesville, the family plantation.

Eneas takes a wrong turn and ends up wandering for eight years for 3,500 miles through seven states, picking up a wife and a half-dozen or so children along the way.

Surviving using his storytelling ability and artful lying — to charm white strangers, preach the gospel and win horse races.

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made the trip and the wedding cup was returned in the end.

He was able to do that without being able to read and write, without any knowledge of geography and without any real help, she said.

"I think and I guess you'd call it native ability got him through."

"I enjoyed following his travels and seeing how he got along in each place he went. He always did his best despite the circumstances and surroundings," she said.

"That's what I always tried to do with my children as a teacher. Maybe this child didn't have clean clothes or other advantages the other children had. But no matter what the circumstances, there is no reason not to do your best.

"...you always do your best, you will succeed."

Is that the lesson "Eneas Africanus" offers?

"Well, as I read the book, I kept finding myself wondering who was hurt. Who was the person who was owned or the person who owned them. I'm not sure I know the answer.

"I can't help wondering what the black man thinks seeing how much the white man is accomplishing and taking some pleasure in these accomplishments — wondering just how much the black man could do if the white man wasn't standing on his neck.

"I think that he had to be a terrible frightening feeling.

"And how much more could the white man do if he wasn't spending his time holding down the black man, a man he has a certain love for, a certain affection for?

"Wouldn't it be better for everyone if

they could just stop? I think, knowing the answers, that would be a heavy burden to have to carry around, to have lived in Montgomery at the time of the bombings and the rise of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"At the time, many of us couldn't see what the future held," Sands said.

"I have always said that Dr. King for having always said that he was able to look past what was happening then and see a better world in the future."

Using a scriptural analogy, King said the midnight hour was approaching when the bridge would come and urged people to prepare themselves — with oil for their lamps — so they would be there to greet him when the midnight hour came.

Sands said that, like King, she believes good will triumph in the world and "we need to remember Eneas and his time period."

"In the end, people must learn that, whenever you hurt anyone, you hurt everyone, including yourself," Sands said.

"It is wrong to own someone, and being owned hurts. Owning someone hurts, too, maybe worse than being owned."

"Slavery was a terrible thing, but we must remember it was a terrible thing for everyone. It almost destroyed our country, after all."



## YOUTH FOCUS: Can you admit it when you make a mistake or is it hard? Why?

By Pam Doepe-Hurd.

Kim Faulkner

Jennifer Vanhuss

Scott Laird

Jonathan Hart

Nicole Borst

Photo by Pam Doepe-Hurd.

## Obituaries

### Joseph Schaefer

Joseph F. Schaefer, 56, of Granite City, formerly of St. Louis, died at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Christian Hospital Northeast in St. Louis. He had been in the hospital for two weeks and ill for eight years.

Born July 22, 1936, he was a machinist at McDonnell-Douglas in St. Louis and a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, the Machinists Union and the Madison County Farm Bureau. He was a veteran and served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, Donna (Orkin) Schaefer; two sons, Darrell Schaefer and Jeff Schaefer, both of Granite City; three brothers, Jim, Fred and John; John Schaefer of Lexington, Ky.; and three sisters, Jane Gissi, Grace Stoltz and Shirley Bertin, all of St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis P. and Elizabeth (Nathus) Schaefer.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. with a Wake Service at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, at Irwin Chapel, 3939 Lake Drive.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with Father Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Carlyle.

The family suggests masses to the church as memorials.

### Earnest Darnell

Earnest F. Darnell, 52, of Granite City died at 6:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Veterans Hospital, St. Louis. He had been ill for one year.

Born in Granite City on April 19, 1940, he had been a lifelong resident.

He was employed as a developmental trainer at Oath Inc. in Madison. A veteran, he was a member of Tri-City American Legion Post 113 and of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include his wife, Dora (Gonzalez) Darnell, whom he married in 1964; a daughter, Denise Darnell of St. Louis; a son, Vincent M. Darnell of Columbia, Mo.; four brothers; a Dean of Broaddus, Texas; Mack S. Darnell of Huntington, Texas; Bill Darnell of California and John Hinkle of Memory, Millstadt.

### Phillip James

Philip W. James, 32, of Granite City died at 11:20 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1993, at St. Mary's Hospital, Richmond Heights, Mo., of internal bleeding.

Born in Granite City on Feb. 21, 1960, he had been a resident of Granite City for the past year.

He graduated from St. Louis University in 1985 with a master's degree in health and finance and had been employed for five years as a consultant for the Maritz

Corp. consulting firm in St. Louis.

Survivors include his parents, Sterling Mack Darnell and Lorraine (Fleischman) Darnell, both of whom died from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

### Bernice Smith

Bernice Smith, 61, of Madison died at 4:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He had been in the hospital for two weeks and ill for about 14 months.

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John Macek, 85, of Madison died at 1:30 a.m. Feb. 2, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He had been in the hospital for two weeks and ill for about 14 months.

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### Trivia

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The 125 members of Lodge 26 of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, which represented Isenbach, responded with a "wild cat strike" and were immediately fired.

The entire AA then walked out and NESCO was shut down. Later, NESCO gave in and everyone, including Isenbach, was back on the job.

## Original Belle investors are likely to hit stock jackpot

**SPRINGFIELD** — The original investors in the Alton Belle Casino appear to be on a roll to a huge jackpot as the company goes public with a stock offering under Argosy Gaming Co.

Although 5 million shares are set for approval for public sale later this month, the 10 investors who got in on the ground floor of Alton Riverboat Gambling Inc. will still hold 9.75 percent of the common stock, according to a preliminary prospectus made public Monday.

The prospectus anticipates an initial price of at least \$10 per share for the public offering, although one Alton broker predicts it will sell for at least \$20.

The document also discloses compensation paid the chairman, including Chief Executive Officer J. Thomas Long, the former Madison County Republican chairman.

The prospectus says Long received total compensation last year of \$568,485, of which \$371,850 was a retirement bene-

fit. It also discloses former chief operating officer John Connors was paid \$200,000 under his contract after he decided to leave the firm this month to make way for veteran casino executive H. Stephen Norton.

Long had once been under contract to appear as an attorney for a federal judge, according to the prospectus; he signed a five-year employment agreement last August to continue as chief executive officer and general council for the riverboat gambling operation.

His current contract calls for Long to receive \$275,000 in salary the first year and a \$25,000 raise each of the four years after that.

Long agreed to a provision that the firm agreed to pay him the \$371,850 in retirement benefit each year for a total retirement fund of \$1,859,250. Long and his wife are also provided with lifetime health and life insurance coverage.

Other executive compensation listed for 1992 was \$225,481 to

John Connors, and \$148,699 to casino manager Anthony Consentino.

Long and Springfield developer William Cellini will be the two largest shareholders after the proposed sale of 5 million shares in Argosy, the prospectus says.

Cellini would have 3,222,222 shares or 13.2 percent of the common stock each after the public offering. Long is putting up 55,554 shares for public sale, while Cellini is putting up 111,111 shares.

John Connors and his brother, professional tennis star Jimmy Connors, would each hold 2.5 million or 9.9 percent of the common stock in Argosy. Each is selling 83,332 shares to the public.

East Alton attorney L. Thomas Lakin, Madison County Associate Circuit Judge David Herndon and State Hall of Fame Job B. Pratt Sr., who would have \$111,111 shares, 6.6 percent of Argosy stock each after the public sale, according to the prospectus.

— From the Alton Telegraph

### Cat deaths rise in county

### •Musician

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didn't know I knew how..."

That Christmas, Bunjan said his wife bought him a drum set.

"She said she did it so I would get some exercise. Well, I'm getting a lot of exercise now," he said.

Bunjan said that, when he first moved to Chicago, he met Brent Shelton, a guitarist in an up-and-coming Chicago rock band.

"I started doing some art work for the band," Bunjan said.

"They looked like everything they was going for them, that nothing could stop them."

Then, just about the time my wife bought me the drum set, everything exploded and Brent's band split up. Sometimes I think it's fate."

Within a few months, he said, Esse Ecks was beginning to form.

"Brent, who writes a lot of the songs, published a lot of songs with his old band under Esse Ecks music publishing," Bunjan said.

"When we started looking for a name, we made out a list of 45 different names and Esse Ecks just sort of struck us. And it sort of fits the music."

The music, now available on

the band's first album, "Parental Aphrodisiac Experience," unmistakably has roots in Led Zeppelin's "Brown Bomber" era in the late 1960s, especially Bunjan's drumming.

"Yeah, I had an older brother," he said.

"The '60s really sucked for music. I'm sort of glad I didn't play while I was in college."

Actually, Bunjan said, one of Esse Ecks' strong points is the variety of musical tastes held by its members.

"Our music's hard to talk about — the music talks for itself," Bunjan said. "We do, however, attract a lot of bikers. It's a great place for bikers to find us no matter where we're at."

"It's not a problem," though."

Bunjan said that the last time Esse Ecks was in this area, it got a really warm reception. He hopes all his friends who have said, "I wish I could hear you some time," meant it and will show up Friday or Saturday.

He said the band has also invited every rock band in town to come in the St. Louis area for the hope of obtaining future engagements here.

"I'm not a rock star yet. I haven't quit my day job. But maybe someday," he said.

### •Study

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Prior to Tuesday night's meeting, the City Council's Finance Committee, which set the finance capacity for the Township Board, met with Township Supervisor Nelson Hagnauer and Attorney William Schooley.

Hagnauer and Schooley said the funds would be available for the funds the township needs.

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WATSON, Hezekiah, 31, of Maryville died Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1993, at St. Louis University Hospital. Services were held Saturday, Jan. 23, at Mount Nebo Baptist Church, Maryville. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

THOMAS, Hazel Nora (Currie), 73, of Staunton, formerly of Granite City and Mount Olive, died at 2:54 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, 1993, at St. Francis Hospital, Litchfield. Services were held Wednesday at Becker and Sons Funeral Home, Mount Olive, with Hazel Daley speaking. Burial will be at Union Cemetery, Mount Olive. Memorials to First United Methodist Church, Mount Olive.

RICHARDSON, John G., 44, of Granite City died at 1:20 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Springfield. Services were held Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Don Stratton. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

RYDER, Larry "Red," 56, of Vicksburg died at 5:25 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 1993, at home. His remains were cremated. Arrangements were by Lahey-Sedlack Funeral Home, Madison.

SIMPSON, Geraldine, 82, of Granite City, formerly of Grafton, died at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Springfield. Services were held Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Henry Crippen. Burial was at St. Simon and Jude School of Gillespie or the Gillespie/Bendt Methodist Church, Mount Olive.

WINDSOR, Gladys J. (Luber), 64, of Granite City died at 2:05 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1993, at Christian Hospital Northeast, St. Louis. Services were held Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Don Stratton. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

KINWORTHY, Orville, 83, of Collinsville died Saturday, Jan. 30, 1993, at Collinsville Care Center. Services were held Monday at Herr Funeral Home, Collinsville, by the Rev. Donald Burroughs. Graveside services were held Tuesday at West Branch (Iowa) Cemetery. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, St. Louis Chapter.

KRAUS, Barbara Mae (Haridas), 52, of Granite City was pronounced dead at 6:45 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 1993, at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. Her remains were donated to St. Louis University. Memorials to Hospice.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hopke

## Hopke-Cramer

Carolyn Mildred Cramer and Bruce Joseph Hopke were married on Jan. 30, 1993, at the First Baptist Church of Edwardsville by the Rev. Bret Truax.

The bride is the daughter of Frank Cramer and Carolyn Cramer, both of Granite City. The groom is the son of Bruce and Phillipa Hopke of Granite City.

Sue Hanson of Granite City served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Heather Sanders of Granite City, Dottie Borden of St. Louis, and Linda and Richelle Cramer of Smithton.

Michael Novich of Granite City was best man. Groomsmen were Terry Manion, Todd Manion and Colin David, all of Granite City. Ushers were Chris Guebert of Edwardsville, Mark and William Cramer of Smithton.

Jessica Papp of Granite City served as flower girl.

Duncan Pfeifer of Alton was the ringbearer.

The couple stayed at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City was followed by a honeymoon in Hawaii. The newlyweds are living in Granite City.

The bride graduated from Granite City High School in 1987 and from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 1991 with a degree in mathematics. She is an intern at Scott Air Force Base, Belleville. The groom is a 1988 graduate of a GED, received a degree in aeronautics from Parks College of St. Louis University. He is an engineer for McDonnell Douglas.

## Infant CPR class set

St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., Granite City, is offering a class regarded as important for every parent, family member and care giver—Infant CPR and Safety.

It teaches lifesaving techniques specifically designed for infants.

The class will meet in the OB/Solarium on the second floor of the Doctors' Wing, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16. Pre-registration is required.

Infant CPR and Safety, taught by a registered nurse, teaches techniques that could make the difference between life and death for an infant. It is not a certification course. Cost is \$10.

The deadline for registration is Tuesday, Feb. 9. For more information or to register, persons may call Education Resources at 798-3201.



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## Groboski-Henson

Kathleen Groboski, daughter of Joseph and Margaret Groboski of Granite City, and Garry Henson of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be is a Granite City, Ill., graduate of St. Louis College of Pharmacy and is employed by St. Louis University Hospital and St. Elizabeth Medical Center as a registered nurse.

Her fiance is a senior at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, majoring in history and secondary education. He is employed by the St. Louis County Parks Department.

The couple is planning a March 20 wedding at Holy family Catholic Church in Granite City.

## Britt-Wilson

Rebekah Elayne Wilson and Kenneth Wayne Britt were married Oct. 17, 1992, at First United Pentecostal Church. The Rev. Ed Snyder performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Carol Wilson of Granite City and the groom is the son of Kenneth and St. Carol Britt of Granite City.

The matron of honor was Nancy Barnes of Granite City, sister of the groom.

The bridesmaids were Nancy Hall, friend of the couple, and Melanie Hall, groom's niece.

The best man was Charles Britt of Granite City, brother of the groom.

The groomsmen were Ted Hall Sr., brother-in-law of the groom, and Ted Hall Jr., nephew of the groom.

The flower girl was Jessie Walker of Granite City.

The ringbearer was Kyle Beasley, friend of bride.

Ushers were Ed Burris and Ed Staples, both of Granite City.

A reception was held at Township Hall.

After a wedding trip to Branson, Mo., the couple resides in

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Edith Hard and Jim Terziorski

## Hard-Terziorski

Edith Hard, daughter of Jerry Hard of St. Louis, and Jim Terziorski, son of Ed and Mary Terziorski of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Edwardsville Senior High School and is currently attending Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, majoring in accounting. She is employed by Magna Bank of Madison County in Granite City as a teller.

The bride is the daughter of Ed and Betty Georgieff of Canfield, Ohio, and the granddaughter of Eva M. Gitch of Madison and the late Thomas John Gitch and Anna Tasa Georgieff of Granite City.

The groom's parents are William and Helen Minder of Springfield.

Margo Ward of Springfield was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Maureen O'Donnell, Julie Minder, Maria Thelen, Beth Martin and Beth Ann Bechthold.

Bill Kowalski was best man. Groomsmen were Steve Minder, Eric Minder, Edward Georgieff, Jim Kelly and Brad Dyer.

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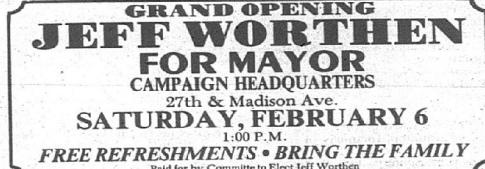
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The couple will reside in Granite City.

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The groom is a 1987 graduate of Granite City High School and is employed by Laclede Steel in Madison.



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## Minder-Georgieff

The wedding of Dimana Lynn Georgieff and Mark Andrew Minder was held on Nov. 14, 1992, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Springfield by the Rev. Patrick Wright of Springfield.

The bride is the daughter of Ed and Betty Georgieff of Canfield, Ohio, and the granddaughter of Eva M. Gitch of Madison and the late Thomas John Gitch and Anna Tasa Georgieff of Granite City.

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## West 70 years

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd West were honored by family, friends and neighbors with an open house at their home Dec. 23 on their 70th anniversary.

The couple moved to this area 37 years ago from Arkansas. Their family includes son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth West of Farmington, Mo.; daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gode of Homedale, Conn.; daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Foshee of Paragould, Ark.; daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foshee of Sico, N.Y.; and daughter, Mildred West of Granite City, whose daughter, Edna, died at age 2 1/2.

The honorees have 19 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Floyd West

Mr. West and his wife, Lora, were married Dec. 23, 1922, in the home of Elder L. Lawellen of Piney Grove, Ark.

They attended worship at Clark Avenue Church of Christ.

Mr. West retired from Standard Pipe Protection Company of Brentwood, Mo., in 1964.

## Baechtel-Flinn-Baechtel

Laura Flinn-Baechtel and Andrew Baechtel renewed their marriage vows in a formal ceremony Nov. 25, 1992, at the Sheraton Waikaloa on the island of Hawaii. Hawaiian leis were exchanged in the religious ceremony.

Laura Flinn-Baechtel, formerly of Granite City, works as a professional spokesmodel in Los Angeles and tends her four-month-old son, Andrew. Andrew John Baechtel is the editor of a Los Angeles-based automotive magazine.



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## THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED  
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When an attorney talks about the issue of liability in an automobile accident, he is really attempting to determine who was at fault. One factor in determining who caused the accident is what tickets for moving violations were issued to the drivers. Often the police will come to the accident scene after the cars have collided and issue tickets to either one or both drivers.

In one recent case, a driver (Driver 1) was proceeding through an intersection on a green light. After he came through the intersection, he saw another driver (Driver 2) pulled out of a private parking lot into the path of the first driver. The cars collided, and both drivers were injured.

The police came to the accident scene and issued Driver 2 a ticket for failure to yield. This ticket probably was issued because Driver 2 had pulled into the path of Driver 1 when, in fact, Driver 1 had the right of way. The policeman also determined from the skid marks of the first car that he was traveling too fast for conditions. Therefore, Driver 1 also received a ticket.

Driver 1 argued with the policeman that he should not be issued a ticket. He maintained that the only reason he skidded after he

came through the intersection was because there were cinders on the roadway. Nevertheless, the policeman gave him the ticket.

Driver 1 sustained serious injuries in the accident. The question was raised as to how significant his liability would be in terms of the issue of liability. Would the damages he received for his property damage and personal injuries be reduced because of this ticket?

The answer to this question depends upon an understanding that Illinois is a comparative negligence state, meaning settling a case can be a company's fault and the relative fault of the parties. If a court finds that Driver 1 was traveling too fast for conditions, this could later be used against him to demonstrate he was partially at fault in the accident.

If he was 25% at fault in the accident; for instance, his damages would be reduced by this percentage. The court would then order the insurance company to pay Driver 1 to the traffic court and fight his ticket so that his recovery in the personal injury case will not later be reduced.

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## FAMILY

**Women's club to meet Tuesday**

The Christian Women's Club serving Madison County will feature a "Treasured Hearts" luncheon at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Quality Inn Raintree Restaurant in Collinsville.

The two-hour luncheon program will feature a demonstration on making old-fashioned valentines.

Everyone present will have the opportunity to make a valentine of her own during the demonstration.

Special music for the afternoon will be provided by Carol Bowers. Inspirational speaker will be Rene Birge from Decatur.

All women are invited to attend. The cost of the luncheon is \$10.50 per person.

A free nursery for preschoolers will be provided.

Reservations for the luncheon are essential and should be made by noon Friday by calling Beverly at 667-2259 or Dorothy at 344-0674.

The Christian Women's Club, which is non-denominational, is part of an international organization which has 2,200 groups across the North American continent. A unique feature of the group is that there are no dues or formal membership.

**Film, talk Tuesday on addiction**

The Edgewood Program at Edwardsville will present a film and talk at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, on "How To Help An Alcoholic or Drug Addict Who Won't Help Himself."

The speaker for the evening will be Dan Huff, intervention counselor for Edgewood.

This talk is free and open to the public. The Edgewood Program is located at 1121 University Drive, near the University of Illinois at Edwardsville campus entrance.

For more information about the Edgewood Program at Edwardsville, call 656-6730 or 1-800-438-6477.

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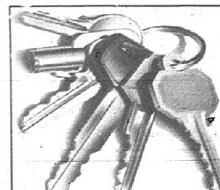
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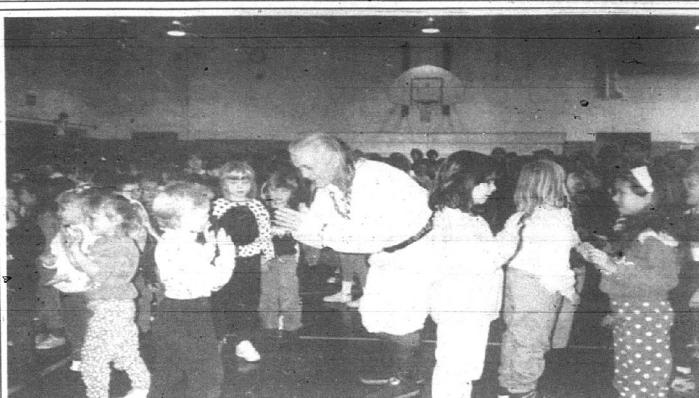
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Among the recipients of the 1,097 undergraduate degrees, 609 graduate degrees and five professional degrees.

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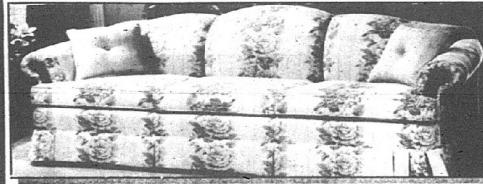
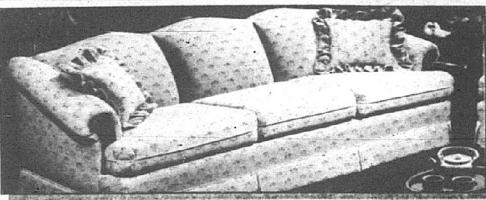
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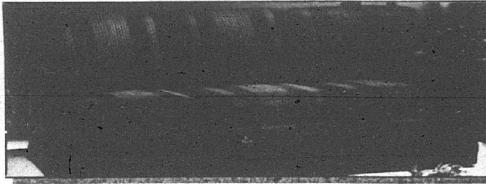
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# Iron leads story of tragic love affair in new 'Damage'

By Harry Hamm  
Correspondent

Great controversy accompanied the pre-opening hoopla of famed French director Louis Malle's new motion picture,

## "Damage."

The film is the emotional and erotic story of a man's obsessive love affair with his son's girlfriend and the inevitably tragic circumstances for everyone involved.



Stephen (Jeremy Irons, left) and Anna Fleming (Miranda Richardson) in "Damage."

## St. Louis Celebs

### Karin Berutti

Actress, dancer, singer

Harry Hamm



Berutti was seen in the role of "Fleur" in the Music Theater Company's recent production of "Phantom" at the Westport Playhouse. Berutti, a native of north St. Louis County, attended McClure High School and graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City with a bachelor's degree in voice. She has worked extensively in the St. Louis area, especially in the Chicago area, where she has appeared on stage at the Drury Lane, the Clock Tower Theater and the New American Theater.

Berutti, 29, toured with the Muny's recent production of "Showboat" that also played Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis and Atlanta. She also has toured with productions of "South Pacific," "Into the Woods," "Guys and Dolls," "Annie" and "Evita."

Berutti also has appeared in numerous television commercials. Berutti is the daughter of Kent and Fran Floyd of Grover, Berutti and her husband, Mart, a computer system salesman, live in Granite City.

The Music Theater Company of St. Louis is: "A really good theater. It has been a good experience for me to work there. It's kind of an experimental project. Ticket sales have been mediocre, but the audiences that have come have really reacted favorably to the theater. It's good to have a new place in St. Louis where St. Louis

Being married to a non-performer means: "You get to see your spouse about once or twice a week if your working in St. Louis. When he gets home, I'm going to work. Our schedules never mesh. It's even worse when I'm working in Chicago or if I'm on the road with a month." Then we may only see each other one or two weekends a month.

In addition to acting, I can: "Swim, play the piano and the guitar. I'm a gourmet cook. I also like working with computers."

## KMOX ratings are slipping, but station still dominant

By Ian MacBryde  
Correspondent

Is something big really going on at KMOX (1010)? Or is one of the country's most dominant radio stations just going through the kind of shakedown that often happens with broadcast operations? This includes programmers to know.

First, some history. Virtually everyone in the St. Louis area must know, KMOX, the CBS-owned station, has dominated the audience ratings for years. Hardly unmatched in a major market, KMOX has reportedly made KMOX one of the most successful stations in the country in terms of generating revenue. It has, incidentally, cost KMOX a lot to maintain its position, an expensive for a station to staff with the kind of talent which KMOX uses.

Two things have happened in the last year which seem to indicate change. The two things, by the way, I do not think are directly related.

First, CBS Vice President and KMOX General Manager Robert Hyland has unfortunately announced he is the heart and soul of the station, died. He was replaced by Rod Zimmerman.

Second, the gigantic ratings which the station has enjoyed for years began to slip.

Hyland was notorious for his odd work schedule (he seemed

to be in the office approximately 20 hours a day) and apparently ran a very tight ship. He also, according to people inside the station, spent a lot of sentimental time and money which didn't need to be spent.

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apparently are mostly felt inside the immediate area.

But there might also be a concern that people are becoming disillusioned with constant talk about the way of the world. After all, the feeling is that President Bill Clinton ought to quit talking and change something. Add to that the loss of popular host Bruce Bradley in the late afternoons to be replaced by Michael Dixon.

Dixon is a middle-aged son, who usually is plugged into the station by phone from some remote location and rarely visits the area.

And this is purely my perception, incidentally, but I think you must add in also a certain perverseness which seems

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to emanate from various hosts. The hosts, by the way, may be becoming feisty in the face of the nagging criticism which goes with talking publicly about controversial matters. A recent example: when character actress Ann Keeffe, under constant fire from the conservative wing of the station's listeners (I believe that's most of them), identified herself to one caller as "just a mom" and Ann Keeffe, add another she was expecting "a man to replace me."

Laid back, good-natured

"Morning Meeting" hosts

Charlene Brennan and Kevin

Horrigan (who broadcast from

8:30 to 11 a.m. weekdays) have

begun airing calls made to a

viewer who was critical of them

from listeners who

apparently like the program,

and some of whom seem not to

like it at all and get quite

personal about it. Of course,

with these guys I'm never quite

sure what they're doing. That's

a compliment, by the way.



The members of Trixter are, clockwise, Mark Scott, Peter Loran, Steve Brown and P.J. Farley

## Trixter took time to hone songs

By Alan Sculley  
Correspondent

When Trixter began to make waves on the rock scene, the New Jersey quartet did so with a vengeance.

The band's popularity exploded when "Hear!" was released. It went into regular MTV rotation in October 1990. Within five months, the band had a second hit, "One In A Million," and a gold record to its credit.

Trixter could have tried to strike while the iron was hot by rushing right into the studio to make a follow-up album. Instead, the band cooled its jets. They think no many band managers will think because they have success, they have to get right in and get the next one out as quick as possible," said Trixter guitarist and chief songwriter Steve Brown. "But we have to take our time and make sure it was all natural. All the songs on the new record were written on the road last year, so when we came off the road, we basically had all the songs.

"But just having the songs, there's a lot more to it than that," he said. "We wanted to take the time to reharmonize the songs and just let them become natural parts of us to where it felt right."

So the foursome — Brown, vocalist Peter Loran, bassist P.J. Farley and drummer Mark "Gus" Scott — settled into a rehearsal space and spent two months writing songs that would eventually fill their sophomore effort, "Hear!"

Another extended period of preproduction further solidified the material. "Hear!" means Trixter fans would have to wait a bit longer for new music, but Brown thinks the

release-no-album-before-its-time approach paid off.

The result of preproducing the record so well like we did on this record was so when we got into the studio, it only took a couple of takes to get the parts because we knew that," Brown said.

"That was basically it, and that keeps the fire in it."

"Hear!" represents a considerable leap forward for the group, which Brown and Loran formed in 1988 in Paramus, N.J. Scott joined in 1984, Farley in 1988.

Where the group's debut hinted that Trixter had more to say about girls and parties, "Hear!" goes a step further, sounding like "Waiting In That Line" (about people forced to live off handouts) and "Road Of A Thousand Dreams" (a song about maintaining hope in everyday life).

"It's a song for everyone," Brown said. "Where the first record has a little bit more one-dimensional, this record has a little bit more to offer," Brown said.

"Hear!" is a leap forward for Trixter, sounds more potent and vibrant than on the debut album, something

Brown said is partly a result of 18 months of touring behind the debut and partly the work of the producer of "Hear!" — Bruce Bradley, veteran of sessions with Queen, Syreeta and Rush.

"I don't think any record that we'll ever make will ever match up with the intensity of our live show," Brown said. "It's just something that when we're playing, whether it's in a club or an arena, it's that interaction between us and the crowd that just gives off this unbelievable energy."

"But we really made sure that if we're going to get out there and make the record that we

want to make, it's got to have the fire of our live show or at least get it as close to it as possible," he said.

Because of the band's youth (the four members were between 18 and 21 when the first album became popular) and the success of its success, Brown said that he had to be skeptical about Trixter's staying power. He said he thinks "Hear!" may put some of that

"Sure, we never as a band stayed in the studio or did that," he said. "But we (worked) in clubs for years playing for no money. Plus we had to go to school, so it was like we'd get home at five o'clock in the morning and have to wake up two hours later."

"We want to show people a Van Halen, a Motley Crue and Aerosmith," he said. "We are, and we're hoping in years to come going to prove it to everybody that we're going to be in the same ranks as some of those bands as far as just giving people the truth in their music."

Trixter plays a Feb. 12 show at Stages in Granite City. Tickets are \$10 in advance.

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Other new concert bookings are:

\* The Sundays, 8:30 p.m. March 8 at Mississippi Nights. Tickets are \$14 in advance, \$16 day of show.

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